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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, FR, UG

SUBJ: REPORTED UGANDAN ARMS PURCHASES FROM FRANCE

REF: A) KAMPALA 1115; B) STATE 55366; C) PARIS 24010 (1972)

2. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR NON- FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN AFFAIRS  
COMBAL TOLD EMBOFF, MARCH 27 THAT GOF HAD NOT AUTHORIZED  
DELIVERY OF ARMORED VEHICLES TO UGANDA AS REPORTED REFS A AND B.  
COMBAL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FRANCE HAD RECEIVED REQUESTS TO SELL  
SPARE PARTS FOR FOUGA TRAINER AIRCRAFT, TRUCKS, AND  
PANHARD ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS.

2. MILITARY MISSION LED BY COLONEL FROM UGANDAN AIR FORCE  
CURRENTLY IN PARIS DISCUSSING THESE ITEMS WITH FRENCH MILITARY.  
COMBAL SAID, WHILE IT POSSIBLE FRANCE MIGHT SELL TRUCKS, WHICH  
NOT SUBJECT TO INTERAGENCY EXPORT CONTROL, GOF HAD NO INTENTION  
TO APPROVE SALE OF EITHER SPARE PARTS FOR AIRCRAFT OR APC' S  
COMBAL SAID PRESS REPORTS OF UGANDAN INTEREST IN MISSILE  
LAUNCHERS COMPLETELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION, AND THERE WOULD BE NO  
QUESTION OF SELLING THEM. COMBAL SAID THAT AT TIME WHEN INTERNAL  
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SITUATION IN UGANDA UNCERTAIN AND WHEN THERE WAS CONTINUING TENSION BETWEEN UGANDA AND TANZANIA SUPPLY OF ARMS OUT OF QUESTION. FRANCE WAS NOT SO FOOLISH, HE SAID, AS TO WANT TO DAMAGE RELATIONS WITH BRITAIN AND OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES BY MOVING IN WITH MILITARY AID TO UGANDA, A COUNTRY WHICH WAS OF ONLY MARGINAL INTEREST TO FRANCE.

3. COMMENT: COMBAL' S ASSURANCES ON THESE POINTS INDICATE THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN BASIC GOF POSITION FROM THAT GIVEN TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM DURING DECEMBER 1972 CONSULTATIONS ( REF C).  
IRWIN

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